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| CRYPTOGRAPHIC PROTOCOL     | ) |                       |
| BETWEEN TWO ELECTRONIC     | ) |                       |

**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2011, and further to the notice of appeal filed on September 2, 2011, please amend as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.